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GORSHKOV DEAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are satisfied that the deal of Admiral Gorshkov would be finalised and the delivery would be made within the schedule time;

(b) whether the ship has survived a major fire in 1985;

(c) if so, the damage caused to the ship;

(d) whether the Aircraft carrier would have to be taken to Singapore even for small repairs; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The negotiations for Admiral Gorshkov are going on. It is not possible to lay down a time limit for such a major acquisition.

(b) & (c): As a result of a steam pipe burst, a fire occurred in the ships boiler room in 1994. There was no major damage.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.